GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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FREE VISA FACILITY FOR JOURNALISTS
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether India has offered to introduce Visa-free facility for journalists of South Asian region;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the types of journalists identified for the same;

(c) whether the countries of the South Asian region has reciprocated the same;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINSTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI E. AHAMED)

(a) to (e) India has made no offer to introduce visa-free facility for journalists of South Asian region. However, all nationals, including journalists, from Nepal and Bhutan can enter India without visas.